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NAIROBI FOR RSO

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: SOCI, ASEC, BY, KE
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COOPERATION IN COUNTERFEITING CASE

1. PRIME MINISTER NZAMBIMANA CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE
APRIL 11 TO REQUEST OUR COOPERATION IN INVESTIGATION OF
TRAFFICKING OF COUNTERFEIT U.S. CURRENCY IN BUJUMBURA.

2. KENYAN CITIZEN, WHOM BURUNDI SURETE HAS IDENTIFIED
AS PETER KATU, FALCON HOTEL, NFANGANO STREET, PO BOX
73130, NAIROBI, OCCUPATION: ARTIST, ARRIVED LAST WEEK
IN BUJUMBURA AND ATTEMPTED PASS COUNTERFEIT ONE HUNDRED
DOLLAR NOTES. SURETE NOTIFIED AND AGREED BUY CERTAIN
AMOUNT WITH LEGITIMATE U.S. CURRENCY. SURETE STATES
KATU BROUGHT SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF
FAKE CURRENCY INTO COUNTRY. THEY SAY HE WORKING IN THIS
OPERATION UNDER DR. DOUGLAS RAE GRAHAM, U.K.
CITIZEN, WELLCOME KABETE LTD., PRIVATE BAG,
MWANZI ROAD, NAIROBI. BOTH ADDRESSES SUBJECT TO
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3. PRIME MINISTER REQUESTED U.S. COOPERATION. IN
SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN SURETE OFFICIAL
AND EMBOFF, FORMER REITERATED REQUEST AND SAID THEY
WAITING FOR US PROPOSE COURSE OF ACTION. BURUNDI
SURETE RELUCTANT APPROACH KENYAN AUTHORITIES OR
INTERPOL BECAUSE IT AFRAID NEWS WOULD LEAK TO

TRAFFICKERS IMMEDIATELY. EMBOFF AGREED FORWARD
GRB REQUEST TO WASHINGTON FOR USG REACTION.

4. PRIME MINISTER SHOWED US COUNTERFEIT NOTE. WHILE
ENGRAVING AND COLORING ON FACE OF NOTE PASSABLE,
OBVERSE PRINTED IN LIGHT GREEN WHICH OBVIOUSLY
DIFFERENT FROM LEGITIMATE BILL. PAPER IS ALSO
OF OBVIOUSLY BAD QUALITY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH
GUADANCE FOR RESPONSE TO PRIME MINISTER AND SURETE.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED TREASURY.

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